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with Exegesis and Interpretation, the purchaser of this edition will still find much that is helpful and inspiring for his study of Isaiah. The translator has stated these facts plainly in his preface, for which he deserves credit. He also has made certain omissions of what he regards, from the standpoint of English readers, as irrelevant matter. Practically, then, the buyer of this edition gets an abridged translation of what is not Delitzsch's latest work. But he gets a feast for all that and one which for fullness and richness can elsewhere scarcely be equalled.

Bible Study.

Hints on Bible Study. By Dr. Clifford, Prof. Elmslie, Rev. R. F. Horton, Rev. F. B. Meyer, Rev. C. H. Waller, Rev. H. C. G. Moule, Rev. C. A. Berry, Rev. W. J. Dawson, Prof. Henry Drummond. Chicago and New York: Revell. Pp. 78. Price, 50 cts.

This book contains a series of essays of varying degrees of helpfulness on the subject indicated by the title. Some of the writers wander sadly from the topic as, for example, Mr. Waller, who gives most of his space to lamentations over the looseness of modern so-called liberal scholars. On the whole it can not be said that these writers cast much light on the subject. Where a particular method is blocked out somewhat in detail, you see that while there is little to recommend it in itself, it is the way that man likes to study. In one respect the writers strike one common note, viz., that they emphasize spiritual attitudes, religious sympathy with the Scriptures, as a prerequisite to their successful study. No one can help being interested and some may be substantially helped by this little work.

Messianic Prophecies.

Messianic Prophecies in Historical Succession. By Franz Delitzsch. Translated by Samuel Ives Curtiss. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Pp. XII., 232. Price \$1.75.

A very solemn and tender feeling is stirred by the remembrance that this was the last work of that eminent and devout scholar, Franz Delitzsch. "The proofs of the original," says the translator, "were read by the lamented author as he was confined to his bed by his last illness, weak in body but clear in mind. The preface which he dictated four days before his departure was his final literary work." This preface deserves to be reproduced in full. It is as follows: "As in the summer of 1887 I delivered my Lectures on the Messianic Prophecies, perhaps for the last time, as I had reason to believe, I sought to put the product of my long scientific investigation into as brief, attractive, and suggestive a form as possible. At the same time the wish inspired me to leave as a legacy: to the *Institutum Judaicum* the compendium of a *Concordia fidei*; to our missionaries a *Vade-mecum*. Thus arose this little book—a late sheaf from old and new grain. May God own the old as not obsolete, the new as not obsolescent."

The book is explained by this preface. In it are found the peculiar qualities which characterized all of Delitzsch's work, devoutness, mysticism, freedom from dogmatism, wide and profound semitic learning, hearty sympathy with evangelical religion and orthodox views, independence of judgment, candor. He was always ready to accept facts wherever they led him even though they changed views which he had long held. But he changed his views only when

his honesty in dealing with facts constrained him and in the interests of evangelical truth and progressive and constructive criticism which he regarded as its ally and defender.

Commendation of the book is not necessary, for who that studies the Old Testament needs be told the value of anything that Delitzsch has written? The brevity of the matter makes the book obscure in places and the peculiar style in which he wrote, semi-figurative, allusive, involved, is difficult to fathom even under the guidance of so competent a translator as Professor Curtiss.

Students will be eager to know Delitzsch's last thoughts on the great questions of Messianic prophecy, his final interpretations of such passages as Pss. 2, 22, 110, the Immanuel prophecy, Isaiah 53, etc., and his conclusions, the later so different from the earlier, on the Pentateuch Question, the Deutero-Isaiah, the Book of Zechariah and Daniel. All this and more will be found in the book which we hope every reader of the *STUDENT* will purchase and faithfully study.

New Testament Word Studies.

Word Studies in the New Testament. By Marvin R. Vincent, D. D. Vol. III. The Epistles of Paul, Romans to Philemon. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Pp. XL., 565. Price \$4.00.

This helpful series of books, taking up the important and interesting words as they come in the successive writings of the New Testament, is continued by this third volume which embraces the larger epistles of Paul. A fourth volume is promised in completion of the whole work. This one contains the evidence of the same careful study and judicious annotation which the preceding ones disclosed. Those who have obtained them will want this also.

Credibility and Inspiration of the New Testament.

Evidences of Christianity. Part 3. Credibility of the New Testament Books. Part 4. Inspiration of the New Testament Books. By J. W. McGarvey, A. M. Louisville: Guide Printing and Pub. Co. Pp. 223. Price \$1.50.

This is a candid endeavor systematically to present the facts and arguments which friends of the Bible hold to be confirmatory of its credibility and inspiration. It meets the usual objections with uncompromising vigor. Professor McGarvey cannot see a probability or even a possibility of a doubt about the proof of the positions he holds. He solves quite triumphantly the difficulties (for example) between John and the Synoptics, or between Paul and the Acts. Here is the strength and also the weakness of his book. It is a tonic to the one already persuaded. But the perplexed student will find questions over which he has puzzled answered in a confident and easy tone of certainty which bewilders him. But the author would reply that his book was not written as a vade-mecum to the doubter but as a kind of text book for the average learner. Indeed he himself says that its contents are intended to be such as can be mastered in a course of instruction in high schools and colleges. The evidence of teaching ability is seen in the marshalling of facts and, in some cases (would that there were more) in the studious way in which the author's personal dictum is withheld. This is specially true of the chapters on Inspiration. The student is left with the facts. For the size and quality of the book it is published at a very cheap price.